

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Following the title, please insert the following paragraphs:

Cross-Reference to Prior Application

This is a U.S. National Phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/004630 filed March 31, 2004, and claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-101609 filed April 4, 2003, both of which are incorporated by reference herein. The International Application was published in Japanese on October 21, 2004 as WO 2004/090517 A1 under PCT Article 21(2).

Please replace the paragraph starting from page 6, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

--~~Fig. 5 is a~~ Figs. 5(a)-5(b) are ~~diagrams~~ diagram showing fluorescence decay curves reflecting relations between fluorescence intensity and time.--

Please replace the paragraph starting from page 6, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

--~~Fig. 6 shows~~ Figs. 6(a)-6(b) show typical examples of decay curves of fluorescence derived from fluorescent molecules used in the present invention. Panel (a) corresponds to ID3 in Table 1 and panel (b) corresponds to ID6 in Table 1.